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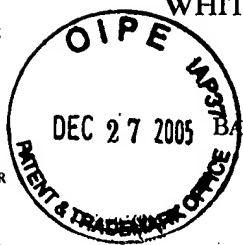
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 25, 2005

Honorable Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Applicant's Response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005.
2. A Petition for a one month extension of time.
3. Our check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the Petition fee.
4. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

Also, please charge any unanticipated fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 50-1479 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached).

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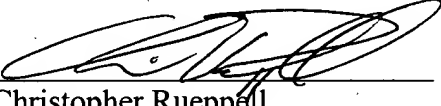
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ATTACHMENTS: 1. *Response to Office Action dated August 25, 2005 and Petition.*
2. Copy of this *Transmittal* for accounting purposes.
3. Copy of the *Petition* for accounting purposes.
4. Check in the amount of \$120.00 for the Petition fee.
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